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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

November 7, 2003



The Family Division Judicial Symposium

January 27-28, 2004

Hall of Justice Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

Introduction

The Michigan Judicial Institute is pleased to announce a two-day seminar for new and experienced family division judges. The seminar is divided into four separate sessions. The sessions on Day One are designed to provide the family division judge with information on current issues faced by every family division judge. The sessions on Day Two are designed to provide a review of the applicable law and procedure in two critical family division proceedings: the child custody hearing and the termination of parental rights hearing.

Description

This seminar offers new and experienced family division judges four different educational sessions.

Day One of the program begins on Tuesday morning, January 27, with Session I "*The Implications of Parental Alcohol/Substance Abuse in Child Custody and Child Protective Proceedings.*" Family Division Judges struggle with the issue of substance/alcohol abuse in a parent or both

parents in the context of child protective and child custody proceedings. Dr. Michael R. Liepman, a nationally known expert in addiction medicine, the Director of Medical Research, MSU Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, and an Associate Clinical Professor in the MSU Department of Psychiatry, will provide information on alcohol and controlled substance abuse, so that judges better understand addiction and receive some guidance on what can be expected from a parent struggling with addiction. Dr. Liepman's presentation will address: 1) whether some alcohol/controlled substance abuse histories are indicators for success in fighting the addiction and in that parent's capacity to successfully parent; 2) reasonable expectations for a parent struggling with alcohol/controlled substance abuse; and 3) reasonable timelines for the parent on the road to recovery.

On Tuesday afternoon, during Session II *"Family Division Judges Round Table Discussion,"* judges will self-select and participate in a facilitated discussion of issues and strategies from one of the following topics: Pro Per Litigants in the Family Division; PPO's and Domestic Violence in the Family Division; Acquiring & Managing Funds in the Family Division; Allegations of Sexual Abuse in a Child Custody Dispute; and Title IV-E Eligibility Case Reviews. Each topic will have a facilitator to lead the discussion, soliciting issues and solutions for that topic. The session will also allow time for a summary of the issues and solutions identified for each topic.

Day Two begins on Wednesday morning, January 28, with Session III, *"The Fundamentals of a Child Custody Hearing."* During this session Circuit Court Judge Joseph Costello, will provide a review of child custody law and procedure that addresses the following questions: What are the types of custody that a judge may order and what findings are required for each type of custody? What is the burden of proof in a child custody proceeding? How do you determine if there is an established custodial environment and what do you do if none is established? What is meant by the term "a child's best interests?" Based on current case law, what are the relevant considerations under each factor of the Child Custody Act?

Day Two concludes with the afternoon Session IV, *"The Fundamentals of a Termination of Parental Rights Hearing."* During this session Judge Nanaruth Carpenter and Judge Karen Tighe will review the applicable statutes and court rules governing termination hearings. Among other issues, the session will review: the types of evidence that may be used to establish the statutory basis for termination; the burden of proof to establish a statutory basis for termination; the burden of proof required for the "best interest" step; the special rules of evidence applicable in a termination hearing; and the current standards governing mandatory/discretionary petitions, time requirements for supplemental petitions or hearings on the supplemental petition, required findings after hearing on the petition for termination. The session will also discuss the impact of ASFA on termination hearings.

Faculty

The seminar instructors will include:

Hon. Nanaruth Carpenter, Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids
Hon. Joseph Costello, 38th Circuit Court, Monroe
Hon. Linda Hallmark, Oakland County Probate Court, Pontiac
Dr. Michael Liepman, M.D., Director, MSU Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies
Ms. Marge Marchlewicz, Court Administrator, Bay County Probate Court;
Mr. Donald Reisig, Friend of the Court, 30th Circuit Court, Lansing
Ms. Susan Sayles, Finance Administrator, 9th Circuit Court, Kalamazoo
Hon. Karen Tighe, Bay County Probate Court, Bay City
Hon. Philip Schaefer, 9th Circuit Court, Kalamazoo
Hon. Lowell Ulrich, Chippewa County Probate Court, Sault Ste. Marie

Eligible Participants

This seminar is designed for new and experienced family division judges. Judges may register to attend one specific session, or any combination thereof, over the course of the two-day seminar.

General Seminar Schedule

Day One, Tuesday, January 27th

8:30 - 8:55 a.m.	Seminar Registration
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session I: <i>"The Implications of Parental Alcohol/Substance Abuse in Child Custody and Child Protective Proceedings,"</i> Dr. Michael Liepman, M.D.
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch & Registration for Afternoon Session
12:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Session II: <i>"Family Division Judges Round Table Discussion,"</i> Hon. Linda Hallmark, Ms. Marge Marchlewicz, Mr. Donald Resig, Ms. Susan Sayles, Hon. Philip Schaefer, Hon. Lowell Ulrich

Day Two, Wednesday, January 28th

8:30 - 8:55 a.m.	Seminar Registration
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session III: <i>"The Fundamentals of a Child Custody Hearing,"</i> Hon. Joseph Costello
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch & Registration for Afternoon Session
12:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Session IV: <i>"The Fundamentals of a Termination of Parental Rights Hearing,"</i> Hon. Nanaruth Carpenter & Hon. Karen Tighe

Lodging & Meals

The Michigan Judicial Institute will provide double-occupancy lodging at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel for all participants whose courts are located more than 65 miles from the seminar site AND who are registered to attend both days (all four sessions) of the seminar. If you request a single-occupancy room, you will be responsible for one-half of the double occupancy room rate. Please make the appropriate lodging request on the attached registration form.

All seminar participants will receive complimentary breaks (coffee, tea and ice water) throughout the seminar. In addition, those participants who register for both sessions on each day will be provided with complimentary group luncheons. All other incidentals, including dinner, mileage, parking, entertainment, phone calls, etc., are the responsibility of each individual or his/her funding unit.

Facility space constraints will not allow MJJI to make any arrangements to accommodate spouses, family or friends of a seminar participant for lodging, meals, or the seminar itself.

MJJI programs are offered at facilities that accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations during the program, please indicate your needs on the attached registration form.

Registration

Judges who are interested in attending this seminar must complete the attached seminar registration form. Registration forms must be received by Tricia Shaver no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, December 12, 2003**. Registration is limited to 90 participants and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applicants selected to attend this seminar will be notified by mail following the registration deadline. Specific on-site registration information will be included with the acceptance notification mailing.

After reading this announcement, if you have any questions concerning the seminar or the registration process, please call Tricia Shaver, (517) 373-7452; Cathy Weitzel, (517) 373-7510; or Dawn McCarty, (517) 373-7509.

Please complete the attached registration form and fax it to MJJI by **Friday, December, 12, 2003**.

Tricia Shaver
Program Assistant
Michigan Judicial Institute
Fax: (517) 373-7615

Registration Form

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Name: _____

Title: _____

Court Name/Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Please select all sessions that you plan to attend.

Tuesday, January 27:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Session I *"The Implications of Parental Alcohol/Substance Abuse in Child Custody and Child Protective Proceedings"*

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Group Luncheon (May register for lunch if attending the morning AND afternoon session)

12:45 - 4:00 p.m.

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Session II *"Family Division Judges Round Table Discussion"*

For purposes of planning, please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for discussion topics in which you wish to participate.

_____ Pro Per Litigants in the Family Division

_____ PPO's and Domestic Violence in the Family Division

_____ Acquiring & Managing Funds in the Family Division

_____ Allegations of Sexual Abuse in a Child Custody Dispute

_____ Title IV-E Eligibility Case Reviews

Wednesday, January 28:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Session III *"The Fundamentals of a Child Custody Hearing"*

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Group Luncheon (May register for lunch if attending the morning AND afternoon session)

12:45 - 3:30 p.m.

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Session IV *"The Fundamentals of a Termination of Parental Rights Hearing"*

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Lodging Accommodations

- ☐ I **will not** require lodging.
- ☐ I **will** require lodging for the evening of Tuesday, January 27th
- ☐ I prefer a single-occupancy room. (I will pay approximately \$40.00, plus tax)
- ☐ I prefer a double-occupancy room. (MJI pays and will assign a roommate.)

☐ I am a **smoker**

☐ I am a **non-smoker**

Preferred Roommate: _____ Court: _____

Accommodations Guarantee

If MJI does not receive a credit card number your room will **NOT** be guaranteed. Rooms not guaranteed will be released by the hotel at 5:00 p.m.

☐ I want my room guaranteed for late arrival on the dates listed above. Please guarantee my room using the following credit card number.

☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard ☐ Diners Club ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ Other:

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Lodging Cancellation

MJI arranges guaranteed room reservations based on your request. If you do not call the hotel and cancel your reservations by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the reservation, the cost of the room will be charged by the hotel to the credit card account you have provided.

Signature of Applicant _____
Date _____

Chief Judge Signature _____
Date _____

Return completed and **SIGNED** Registration Form by **Friday, December 12, 2003**, to:

Tricia Shaver, Program Assistant

Michigan Judicial Institute, P.O. Box 30205, Lansing, MI 48909

or

Fax: (517) 373-7615